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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that the following policies, duties and responsibilities will govern the conduct of United States intelligence activities in the interest of national security. The recommendations of the Central Intelligence Agency, required by Section 102 (d) (2), on matters concerning such intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies as relate to national security, will, when approved by the National Security Council, issue as amendments or supplements to this Directive.

I. Jurisdiction

1. The jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency embraces all intelligence activities of the Government relating to the national security. The Central Intelligence Agency shall have no police, subpoena, or law enforcement powers, or internal security functions.

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II. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency

1. The Director of Central Intelligence shall function within his jurisdiction as the intelligence officer of the National Security Council and as its executive agent for the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several departments and agencies of the Government.

2. The necessary authority is hereby delegated by the members of the National Security Council to the Director of Central Intelligence, so that his decisions, orders and directives concerning the intelligence activities of the Government shall be considered as emanating from them, in their executive capacity, and shall have full force and effect as such, provided that any agency shall have access, through appropriate channels, to the National Security Council, in connection with such directives.

3. The Director of Central Intelligence or representatives designated by him shall make such surveys and inspections of departmental intelligence activities and facilities of the various departments and agencies of the Government as he may deem necessary in connection with his duty to advise the National Security Council and to make recommendations for or to bring about the coordination or improvement of intelligence activities. This authority is subject to the provisions of Section 102 (e) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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4. The Central Intelligence Agency shall function under the Director of Central Intelligence as the intelligence facility of the President of the United States and the National Security Council.

5. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

III. Coordination of Intelligence Activities

1. Coordination of intelligence activities by the Central Intelligence Agency shall be designed primarily to strengthen the entire governmental intelligence structure and to achieve a fully integrated United States intelligence effort in objective support of policy planning, strategic planning, and operational decisions at all appropriate levels within the Government. A fully integrated intelligence effort is considered to mean that:

a. the intelligence production effort of the Central Intelligence Agency and the departmental intelligence agencies is continuously oriented toward the requirements of United States national security interests and objectives.

b. the intelligence collection and source exploitation effort of the Central Intelligence Agency and the other

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intelligence agencies effectively meets the requirements and priorities of the intelligence production effort.

c. all categories of intelligence requirements bearing on the national security are specifically identified and defined and the responsibilities for collection and production are appropriately allocated throughout the governmental intelligence structure.

d. the interchange of intelligence, intelligence information, and other information which has utility for intelligence purposes is effected between the Central Intelligence Agency and the other intelligence agencies under appropriate security provisions prescribed by the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for the coordination of intelligence activities to meet the foregoing objectives.

3. In accordance with Section 303 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the Director of Central Intelligence may appoint such advisory committees and employ such part-time advisory personnel as he may deem necessary in carrying out the functions of the Agency.

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IV. Production and Dissemination of Intelligence by the Central Intelligence Agency

1. National intelligence is that intelligence needed at the appropriate levels of the Government in the formulation and execution of national policies. National Intelligence shall be produced only by the Central Intelligence Agency, and shall be produced primarily for the President and the National Security Council, and for other departments and agencies of the Government as appropriate. In the production of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency may draw upon and review the intelligence production of the departmental intelligence agencies. The Director of Central Intelligence will not be bound by any concept of collective responsibility in the production of National Intelligence, as he has the direct and sole responsibility for such production.
2. The Central Intelligence Agency shall also produce intelligence not otherwise available which is required to support the Central Intelligence Agency production and operations as well as those of other appropriate governmental agencies.
3. Normally the Central Intelligence Agency will, prior to publication for general dissemination, request the appropriate departmental intelligence agencies to examine Central Intelligence Agency reports and estimates for the purpose of ascertaining departmental views on aspects which are related to their respective

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individual departmental or agency intelligence interests. Intelligence so examined shall carry a statement of agency concurrence therein, or a comment which sets forth the substantial points of difference; provided, that delays in the receipt by the Central Intelligence Agency of such comments shall not bar the timely dissemination of national intelligence.

4. The Central Intelligence Agency shall disseminate intelligence and information in its possession to the President, members of the National Security Council and to other departments and agencies of the Government, whenever such dissemination is appropriate to their functions relating to the national security. Such dissemination shall be made under security regulations and procedures established by the Director of Central Intelligence.

5. The Director of Central Intelligence may exchange intelligence and intelligence information with appropriate representatives of foreign governments in accordance with established policies.

V. Additional Responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency

1. The Central Intelligence Agency shall perform, for the benefit of the intelligence organizations of the Government, such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently accomplished centrally;

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and such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the National Security Council may from time to time direct.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence may make arrangements with the respective departments and agencies to assign to the Central Intelligence Agency such experienced and qualified officers and members as may be of advantage for advisory, operational, or other purposes, in addition to such personnel as the Director of Central Intelligence may directly employ. In each case, such departmental personnel will be subject to the necessary personnel procedures of the Central Intelligence Agency and the department concerned. Such personnel must be acceptable to the Central Intelligence Agency and responsible solely to the Director of Central Intelligence during the period of their assignment.

VI. Responsibilities of Governmental Departments and Agencies to the Central Intelligence Agency

1. Subject to the special proviso of Section 102(e) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all departments and agencies of the Government shall make available to the Central Intelligence Agency all intelligence, intelligence information and other information which has utility for intelligence purposes in their possession. Such

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material shall be made available to the Central Intelligence Agency regardless of its source. To this end, the so-called "Third Agency Rule", which provides that classified information originating in one agency shall not be disseminated outside the receiving agency without the consent of the originating agency, is specifically abrogated insofar as the Central Intelligence Agency is concerned.

2. Each of the departments and agencies of the Government shall maintain with the Central Intelligence Agency and with each other, as appropriate to their respective responsibilities, a continuing interchange of intelligence information and intelligence available to them. "Operational" information and scientific, technological, diplomatic, and other information which has utility for intelligence purposes is included in this directive, as well as information available only under special security handling restrictions. The flow of such material shall be immediate, spontaneous and comprehensive.

3. In cases where the originating agency requests that special security considerations govern the dissemination of specific material to third agencies, such requests will be given the maximum consideration by the Central Intelligence Agency and shall be complied with to the maximum extent which the Director of Central Intelligence shall determine is compatible with the national security.

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4. The departments and agencies of the Government shall provide, produce or collect such intelligence and information in their fields or primary responsibility as the Central Intelligence Agency may request for its use or for that of one of the other departments or agencies. Upon determination by the Central Intelligence Agency that any department or agency so requested does not have the capability to fulfill such a request, the Central Intelligence Agency shall take direct action to meet its needs. Within the limits of their capabilities, the departments and agencies shall provide, produce or collect such additional intelligence and information in other fields as may be requested by the Central Intelligence Agency.

5. In order that the Central Intelligence Agency may adequately discharge its responsibilities to the President and the National Security Council, timely departmental action in meeting Central Intelligence Agency commitments and deadlines is imperative. Upon specific request of the Director of Central Intelligence, first priority shall be given by each department or agency to his requirements for collection, production, and the comments on Central Intelligence Agency reports and estimates.

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